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## STUBBORNNESS CONTINUING STRIKE

Acts of violence from the striking stevedores and their sympathizers naturally was to be expected once the shipping interests of Honolulu had shown their determination to not concede one single point to the demands of their longshoremen. It was to be doubly expected after the unionists had agreed to a cut in the original scale of wages asked, and to not insist on a so-called closed port, or the insertion of a "no discrimination against union men" clause in the final agreement.

From day to day the union men gave way in their demands until they only asked to be given a living wage. To this request the shipping firms were as deaf as they were to the original demands. To complicate matters and make certain of violence, by which it is surmised they expected to wean the public sympathy from the strikers, the shippers began bringing in Japanese from the Oahu plantations, where the threat of discharge was sufficient to make the unorganized men pliant to orders, if the plantation laborers happened to know for what purpose they were being taken to Honolulu.

Is it any wonder then that the Honolulu strikers, seeing their places taken by men from the plantations, resorted to violence? The very men who are opposing the strikers would resort in like manner to violence if they saw their means of making a living being taken away from them by men of another race. Some of the opponents of the strikers, we imagine, were among those business men who countenanced that unholy and unconstitutional law which stopped the free departure of laborers to the salmon canneries a few years ago. The rapid passage of this unconstitutional law was just as much an act of violence as is the derailment of an engine. The distinction is that one is an act of violence "within the law," by those of favored standing in the islands. The acts of the strikers are those of an unfavored class of men who have only their hands to fight with.

The Honolulu strike could have been settled a week ago without one single incident of violence of any importance. But every concession of the strikers made the shipping interests more firm. Even though they admit the justice of the stevedores' demand for more pay they make no offer to settle the difference. In fact, the shipping representatives are credited with saying that it was an "unfortunate oversight" that the men's pay had not been increased before. This was after it was made public that the men earned on an average of only about four or five dollars a week.

If the shipping men admit the justice of the strikers only demand now, how can they satisfy their own sense of right doing by refusing to grant it? So long as they admit the justice of the men's demand and refuse to grant it are they not the ones who are initially responsible for every act of violence? Honestly now, is it not the stubbornness of the shipping firms which is continuing the strike? Remember that the men demand only that they be given a decent wage for the arduous labor of unloading and loading ships, and that there are no longer questions of a "closed port," or "non-discrimination against union men" for settlement.

As your sympathy with the strikers wanes at every act of violence, or your anger towards them mounts, why not ask yourself what you would do if you were in a similar position.

## TARIFF VIEWS CHANGE

Every indication now is that the principle of a protective tariff is to be more firmly established following the Great European War than ever before. Great Britain, for a hundred years the only great country practicing the policy of free trade, is now very much alive to the importance of having a protective tariff. For several years preceding the war she felt severely the effects of the German competition in her home markets and this curtailed her activities abroad. At the present time her statesmen are formulating a policy which will permit free or partially free imports only from "favored nations."

Even the present administration of the United States, elected four years ago on an avowed declaration that the high protective tariff of this country would be reduced, has shown by recent action on the tariff that there is small immediate prospect of the country being left without trade protection. The attitude of the administration is also shown by the utterances of some of the leaders and others close to the governing power, for the European war has changed the tariff views of many Democrats, as well as those of British statesmen.

That the administration is well aware of the bitter trade and tariff war which it seems inevitably will follow the present sanguinary conflict in Europe was evidenced a short time ago in an address delivered in Chicago on the "Necessity of a Settled Tariff Policy," by Frank A. Rutter, assistant chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce. While this representative of the government did not flatly place himself in the ranks of the protectionists, he left it plainly to inference that the nation might expect the continuation of the tariff principle. The greater part of Dr. Rutter's address was devoted to the exploitation of the assumption that "concessions cannot be obtained in the tariffs of other countries if we are not willing to make concessions ourselves."

The assumption of special tariff concessions, most apparently, can only be based on the assumption that the tariff principle of the country will be continued. This from a spokesman of the present administration ought to be sufficient evidence that the exponents of free trade or a tariff for revenue only have had a considerable change of belief during the last few years.

## IS THIS EQUAL RIGHTS?

A printer in a middle western state has written to the Maui News asking for a position. The letter is an ordinary one of application until the last sentence or two—then it states: "I am married and thirty-eight years old, but my wife is much younger. I am enclosing her photograph." You will have to depend upon your imagination to determine if he is to get the job. In these days of equal rights, modesty and fear would prevent any bachelor from announcing his decision upon such a momentous and touchy question. However, a woman acquaintance, whose disposition towards the other sex is sometimes unkind, tells us that if we were married we would have burned the letter, hid the photograph, and cabled: "come."

## MAY BE "BEST" INSTEAD OF "FIRST"

If the present enthusiasm continues, Maui's county show may be known as the "best" fair, instead of the as First Maui County Fair. So far a press gang has not been needed to get the "skirkers," because there have been none. Let's keep up the record.

## THE LUCKY NUMBER!

Seven states will vote upon prohibition November 7. They are California, Montana, Michigan, Nebraska, South Dakota, Idaho, Missouri. The last named recently secured a dry amendment on the state ticket through the initiative. The territory of Alaska will also vote wet or dry. In Maryland, the city of Baltimore and other wet city and county units will vote separately upon the question.

It is rather perplexing to some readers to find Idaho listed as one of the nineteen states already dry and also as one of the seven states to vote in November. This is the explanation: Idaho is now under statutory prohibition. At the coming general election she will vote on a constitutional prohibition amendment.

## IT MAKES US LAUGH

How would you like to be a striking stevedore and have the arbitration committee picked from a business men's organization? There is very little doubt that such a committee would be "arbitrary" enough to suit even General Otis. To think of a special committee of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce as a strike arbitration committee is almost as funny as is that explanation of the shipping men that they failed to increase the pay of the longshoremen through an "unfortunate oversight."

## TO GOOD TO KEEP

Maui ought to try and get the man who wrote the article about this island and the Grand hotel for the mainland hotel publication as publicity man for the county show. He's too good to keep, though. No doubt by this time some circus has him under an iron-bound contract as a press agent.

## LAHAINA'S FAME SPREADING

Lahaina is once more coming into her own since the harvest celebration. Her fame as an entertainer spread so rapidly after the celebration that she was selected as the base for the submarine flotilla during its torpedo practise.

## ONLY YOURSELF TO BLAME

If you do not vote at the primary election tomorrow you will have only yourself to blame for the candidates selected by your party.

## OUR ISLAND CONTEMPORARIES

### DOING ONE'S DUTY

The man who knows what he can do and does it, and does it well, is the best kind of a public servant, and incidentally, the best kind of a happy man unto himself.

Charles Evans Hughes, Republican candidate for the presidential chair, is a good man, an honest man, but a boob.

Sacrificing what was probably a life job as a member of the United States Supreme Court, he enters the race against Wilson for the White House.

He has as much chance as a pen-wiper would have of making a comfortable bed for the elephant, Daisy, in Kapiolani Park.

He has as much chance as an ice-cream cornucopia would have in Halemauau on the Fourth of July.

He has as much chance as a mole on the sine qua non of a swordfish ramming a German mine in the English channel on Guy Fawkes' Day.

He has as much chance as we have of entering the pearly gates of the unruffled but damned monotonous heaven of the orthodox hereafter.

He has as much chance as Abe Louisson has of being the next Delegate to Congress from Hawaii.

He has as much chance as Alexander Hume Ford has of being Pope.

From all of which it may be gathered that, in our humble opinion, Hughes hasn't a very large chance of stepping into Woodrow's shoes.

What we started to say was that there's nothing like knowing your work and sticking to it. Hughes' work will never be pulled off in the White House.

Take it from us!—Service.

### PLAY THE PRIMARIES SQUARE!

Under the direct primary law, "slates" are sure to appear. Candidates for nominations will make combinations, will ask that voters support these combinations; and there will be maneuvers and manipulations. No law regulating politics is entirely proof against the professional politician with an axe to grind. The virtue of the primary law is not so much that it reduces political maneuvering as that it allows candidates to put their case before the people instead of before conventions, which may or may not be boss-ruled.

The "slate" season in local politics has arrived, and with it persistent rumors that Hawaiian politicians are going to "dump the haoles" next Saturday. Among some of the politicians there is said to be a disposition to try this. The plan may succeed in a measure, but eventually the Hawaiian will be hurt much worse than the white man. Raising the race issue will be a boomerang to any man, any clique or any party that raises it, whether Hawaiian or haole.

The Star-Bulletin has not heard one word from a haole candidate, or a haole Republican leader, or a haole businessman to suggest even remotely that the white voters of any district are going to discriminate against the Hawaiians. On the contrary, this paper has heard from numerous haoles who are going to vote for Hawaiian candidates whom they believe to be worthy men.

If there is any "underground" moment to "dump the haoles" it will be a grave mistake; it will do no possible good; it will embitter both elements of the community; it will ultimately do great harm and injure the Hawaiian.

Let next Saturday's vote in the primaries show that men receive support on the basis of their integrity and ability, not on the color of their skin!—Star-Bulletin.

### THIS GOES FOR MAUI

A Chamber of Commerce is a community of enterprise. Its members are the stockholders; its officers and directors, the management. Receipts from membership dues constitute its only working capital. It is a corporation formed to manufacture public sentiment and its stock in trade is will-ness, energy, co-operation and pride. If the stockholders are few, the working capital small, and the stock in trade curtailed and limited, the output must be limited, and the dividends small. Honolulu cannot afford to be content with a small community enterprise. We must have a Chamber of Commerce measured by the standard of the time. We will have if every stockholder will take an interest in the city's growth and resolve to do his share in its development.—Honolulu Chamber of Commerce Publication.

## Those Who Travel

### DEPARTED

By str. Mikahala, Oct. 1—E. Devauchelle, Mrs. George Townsend, and infant, George P. Cooke, T. T. Meyer, M. Hopkins, George McCornist, Miss A. Foster, Miss R. Bishaw.

By str. Mauna Loa, Sept. 28—Y. Miyaki, Miss R. Hala, Tam Jo, Mrs. H. Bush, maid and infant, Tamashiro, Nakama, Mrs. James Love and two children, Mrs. James and two children, Mr. and Mrs. P. Dolin, S. Matsuda, W. E. Shaw, M. McLaren, J. M. Dowsett, R. S. Thurston, Ah Sin, Master A. Sin, Master Cunningham, K. Nakano, R. E. Haugemann, George Cooke, W. G. Santos.

By str. Mauna Kea, Sept. 20—J. Holmberg, Mrs. W. T. Robinson, Miss A. Tyau, L. Weinheimer, James P. Lynch, A. Seobel, A. Arnderman, P. Schmidt, Mrs. Louis and daughter, D. L. Austin.

### ARRIVED

By str. Mauna Loa, Oct. 3—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Voss and infant, Mr. and Mrs. M. Keohokale, Mrs. Corral, A. W. Hams, J. Hugard, Miss Claire.

By str. Mauna Loa, Sept. 29—R. A. Drummond, Miss Tam Fat, Mrs. Tam Hoy and infant, J. MacLaren, Mrs. MacLaren and infant, Miss A. Von Tempsey, J. C. Blair, A. Fernandez, M. Perreira, A. S. Robertson, Miss Hildebrandt, George B. Thayer, F. Deinert, W. J. Scott.

### WEEKLY MARKET LETTER

Eggs are scarce and in good demand at high prices. Duck eggs have advanced 5c during the week. Poultry is bringing good prices at present, with the exception of Hawaiian ducks and Muscovy ducks, which are too plentiful. Importation of live poultry from the coast is not so large as formerly, due to the loss sustained by importers.

Taro and Irish potatoes are in good demand at fair prices, and now is the time to ship.

The price paid by the factories to producers for taro is very low. However, the price of poi remains practically the same as when taro was twice as dear, and it looks as though there might be a combination to keep the price of poi up.

All the changes in the prices of feeds were in the wrong direction, as far as the consumer is concerned. Every man who has stock to feed should get busy at once, and raise at least part of his feed for live stock.

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